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State CARE Act Program Profile

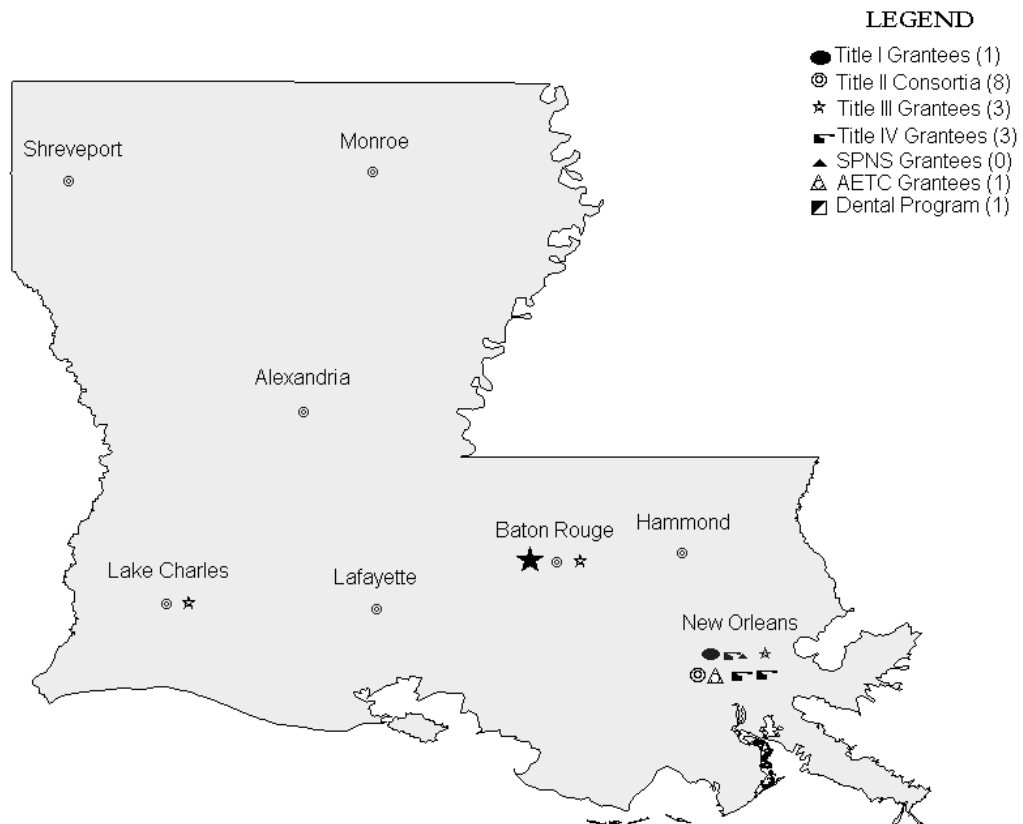
CARE Act Funding History Since 1996

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Title I	\$2,087,199	\$4,727,682	\$4,921,857	\$11,736,738
Title II (including ADAP)	\$4,080,447	\$6,969,329	\$9,199,630	\$20,249,406
ADAP	(\$773,878)	(\$2,717,224)	(\$4,768,647)	(\$8,259,749)
Title III	\$348,380	\$748,300	\$537,057	\$1,633,737
Title IV	\$1,025,000	\$1,164,432	\$1,638,000	\$3,827,432
SPNS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
AETC	\$255,998	\$352,385	\$352,385	\$960,768
Dental	\$106,200	\$110,217	\$125,165	\$341,582
Total	\$7,903,224	\$14,072,345	\$16,774,094	\$38,749,663

Number of CARE Act-funded Grantees in State (in addition to Title II and ADAP grants)

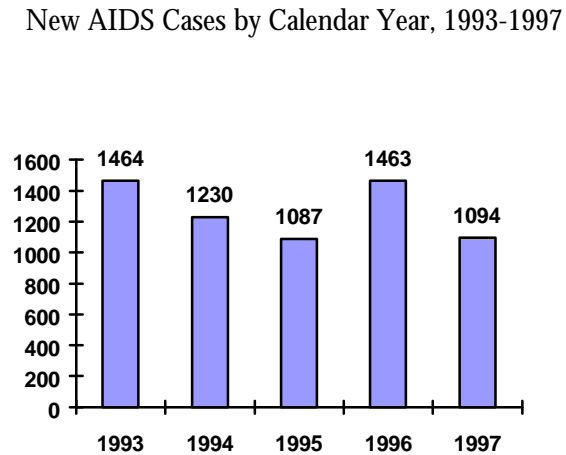
	1996	1997	1998
Title I	1	1	1
Title III	1	2	3
Title IV	2	2	3
SPNS	0	0	0
AETC (grantee or subcontractor)	1	1	1
Dental	1	1	1

Location of FY 1998 CARE Act Grantees and Title II Consortia



HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the State: Louisiana (Pop. 4,351,769)

- ▶ Persons reported to be living with AIDS through 1997: 4,226
- ▶ Persons reported to be living with HIV infection (not AIDS) through 1997: 5,308
- ▶ State reporting requirement for HIV: Name-based reporting for HIV (initiated February 1993)
- ▶ State AIDS Cases (cumulative) since 1993: 6,338 (2% of AIDS cases in the U.S.)



Demographics of AIDS Cases Reported in 1997

	State-Specific Data	National Data
Men (13 years and up):	81%	78%
Women (13 years and up):	19%	22%

	State-Specific Data	National Data
<13 years old :	0%	1%
13-19 years old :	1%	1%
20+ years old :	99%	98%

	State-Specific Data	National Data
White:	30%	33%
African American:	67%	45%
Hispanic:	2%	21%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%	<1%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%	<1%

	State-Specific Data	National Data
Men who have sex with men (MSM):	31%	35%
Injecting drug user (IDU):	19%	24%
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs (MSM/IDU):	8%	4%
Heterosexual contact:	11%	13%
Other, unknown or not reported:	31%	24%

Pediatric Cases, by exposure category

	State-Specific Data	National Data
Hemophilia/coagulation disorder:	0%	<1%
Mother with/at risk for HIV infection:	67%	91%
Receipt of blood transfusion, blood components, or tissue:	0%	<1%
Other, unknown or not reported:	33%	8%

Co-morbidities

	State Cases per 100,000 Population	U.S. Cases per 100,000 Population
Chlamydia (1996)	253.8	194.5
Gonorrhea (1996)	214.5	124.0
Syphilis (1996)	12.3	4.3
TB (1997)	9.3	7.4

Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN)

To enhance collaboration in HIV needs assessment and planning activities among CARE Act grantees and to maximize CARE Act resources statewide, Title II grantees were required to develop, in collaboration with other CARE Act grantees, an SCSN by March 1998. SCSNs must include: a discussion of existing needs assessments; epidemiologic data; discussion of emerging issues in HIV care in the state; critical gaps in HIV medical and support services; and broad goals to address major service gaps.

- ▶ **Gaps:** primary medical care; dental services; medications; case management services; transportation; emergency financial assistance; and food/nutrition services
- ▶ **Emerging Needs:** increase of HIV in women and adolescents

State Medicaid Information

In 1998, Medicaid is estimated to have covered 55% of U.S. adults with AIDS and 90% of pediatric AIDS cases. Applying these percentages to the number of AIDS cases in the U.S., at least 108,000 individuals with AIDS were covered by Medicaid in 1998.

Medicaid Income Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility Category	Income
Adult Aged/Blind/Disabled*	75% FPL
Pregnant Women	133% FPL

*Income eligibility for State's ADAP program is 200% FPL.

Medicaid Prescription Drug Benefits Limits

Co-payment:	Yes
Limit on Rx per month:	No
Refill limit:	Yes
Quantity Limit:	No

Waivers

1115

Section 1115 of the Social Security Act gives the Secretary of Health and Human Services broad authority to waive provisions in Title XIX, the Medicaid statute. Populations covered vary from waiver to waiver, as does the scope of coverage and the nature of the provider organization.

1115 waiver: No

1915(b)

Section 1915(b) of the Social Security Act authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive compliance with certain portions of the Medicaid statute that prevent a state from mandating that Medicaid beneficiaries obtain their care from a single provider or health plans.

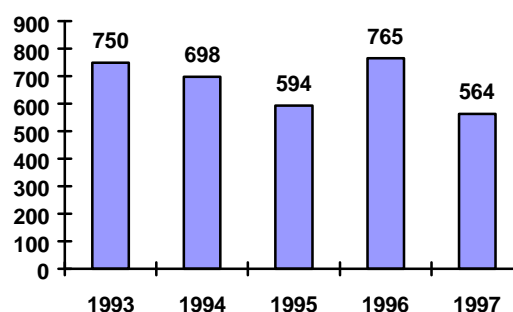
1915(b) waiver(s): Yes

Title I: New Orleans (Pop. 1,285,270)

Title I funds are provided to eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic to provide a wide range of community-based services. In FY 1998, there were 49 EMAs in 19 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. From FY 1991 to FY 1998, more than \$2.4 billion in funding was appropriated for Title I programs in the U.S.

► New AIDS cases by calendar year, 1993-1997

- EMA: Jefferson Parish, Orleans Parish, Plaquemine Parish, St. Bernard Parish, St. Charles Parish, St. James Parish, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Tammany Parish
- Estimated number of people living with AIDS at the end of 1997: 2,429
- AIDS Cases (cumulative) since 1993: 3,371 (53% of state cases, <1% of total U.S. cases)



AIDS Cases Reported in 1997

	EMA-Specific Data	State-Specific Data	National Data
Men (13 years and up):	81%	81%	78%
Women (13 years and up):	19%	19%	22%

	EMA-Specific Data	State-Specific Data	National Data
<20 years old:	1%	1%	2%
20+ years old:	99%	99%	98%

	EMA-Specific Data	State-Specific Data	National Data
White:	31%	30%	33%
African American:	65%	67%	45%
Hispanic:	4%	2%	21%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%	0%	<1%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%	0%	<1%

	EMA-Specific Data	State-Specific Data	National Data
Men who have sex with men (MSM):	35%	31%	35%
Injecting drug user (IDU):	15%	19%	24%
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs (MSM/IDU):	6%	8%	4%
Heterosexual contact:	9%	11%	13%
Other, unknown or not reported: (Adults only)	35%	31%	24%

Funding History

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Formula	\$2,087,199	\$2,622,981	\$2,775,525	\$7,485,705
Supplemental	\$0	\$2,104,701	\$2,146,332	\$4,251,033
Total	\$2,087,199	\$4,727,682	\$4,921,857	\$11,736,738

Allocation of Funds

	1998
Health Care Services	\$1,662,844/34%
Medications	\$326,127/7%
Case Management	\$774,896/16%
Support Services	\$1,419,711/29%
Administration, Planning and Program Support	\$738,279/15%

Planning Activities

Planning councils work in partnership with the grantee to assess service needs in the EMA and develop a continuum of care. Planning council membership must be reflective of the local epidemic and at least 25 percent of voting members must be PLWH.

- ▶ Number of members on planning council: 27
- ▶ PLWH on planning council: 8 (30%)

Gender of Planning Council Members

Men:	52%
Women:	48%

Race/Ethnicity of Planning Council Members

White:	52%
African American:	37%
Hispanic:	4%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	4%
Native American/Alaska Native:	4%

(Note: Information taken from FY 1998 Applications. Current Planning Council composition may differ.)

Accomplishments

Clients Served (duplicated count), FY 1996:	7,170
Men:	43%
Women:	19%
Other, unknown or not reported:	38%

<13 years old:	4%
13-19 years old:	39%
20+ years old:	56%

White:	25%
African American:	72%
Hispanic:	2%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%

Men who have sex with men (MSM):	61%
Injecting drug user (IDU):	4%
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs (MSM/IDU):	7%
Heterosexual contact:	24%
Other, unknown or not reported:	3%

► Improved Patient Access

- Between 1995 and 1996, the total aggregate number of clients reported served by Title I-funded providers (the sum of unduplicated clients reported by each provider), increased more than 140%, from 2,910 reported by 15 providers in 1995 to more than 7,100 reported by 16 providers in 1996. In that same period, the total aggregate number of clients accessing office-based health care (medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services) increased more than 100%, from 1,810 clients to 3,640 clients (not unduplicated) in 1996.
- During FY 1997, the Title I program added the following new services: respite care, adult day care, and client advocacy to improve access to care for underserved populations.

► **Cost Savings**

- In FY 1997, the Title I program achieved cost-savings related to the provision of diagnostic and viral load testing laboratory services. The EMA contracted with a single entity for centralized lab services at a lower cost, making them available to clients through all Title I medical providers.
- Additional cost-savings were realized in the area transportation through improved coordination, and by using mass transit tokens wherever possible in lieu of expensive cab rides or vans.

► **Other Accomplishments**

- The grantee implemented a new contract-monitoring program to ensure compliance with CARE Act requirements and quality assurance standards; improve billing and reporting procedures; and better monitor expenditures and client utilization patterns during the fiscal year.

Title II: Louisiana

Title II funds are provided to States and Territories to improve the quality, availability and organization of health care and support services for PLWH. From FY 1991 to FY 1998, more than \$1.9 billion in funding was appropriated for Title II programs in the U.S.

Funding History

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Title II Formula Grant	\$4,080,447	\$6,969,329	\$9,199,630	\$20,249,406
ADAP (included in Title II grant)	(\$773,878)	(\$2,717,224)	(\$4,768,647)	(\$8,259,749)
Minimum Required State Match	\$2,040,224	\$3,484,665	\$4,599,815	\$10,124,704

Allocation of Funds

	1998
Health Care (State Administered)	\$6,120,354/67%
Home and Community Care	(\$800,000)
Health Insurance Continuation	(\$215,995)
ADAP/Treatments	(\$4,812,359)
Direct Services	(\$292,000)
Case Management (State Administered)	\$0/0%
Consortia	\$2,005,243/22%
Health Care*	(\$194,130)
ADAP/Treatment	(\$412,915)
Case Management	(\$777,069)
Support Services**	(\$621,129)
Administration, Planning and Evaluation (Total State/Consortia)	\$1,074,033/12%

* includes: diagnostic testing, preventive care and screening, prescribing and managing medication therapy, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to specialty care.

** includes: counseling, direct emergency financial assistance, companion/buddy services, day and respite care, housing assistance, and food services.

Consortia Activities, FY 1997

States provide services directly or through subcontracts with Title II HIV care consortia. A consortium is an association of public and nonprofit health care and support service providers and community-based organizations that plans, develops and delivers services for people living with HIV disease.

Number of consortia in State: 8

Consortium Name	Location	Service Area	Title II Funding, FY 1997
HIV Consortium of Acadiana, Inc.	Lafayette	Acadia, Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, St. Landry, Vermillion, and Evangeline Parishes	\$289,426
HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two, Inc.	Baton Rouge	Ascension, Iberville, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Pointe Coupee, West Feliciana, and East Feliciana Parishes	\$743,067
New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council	New Orleans	Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes	\$137,500
Region IX Consortium	Hammond	St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, St. Helena, Livingston, and Washington Parishes	\$207,948
Region V HIV Consortium	Lake Charles	Allen, Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard, and Jefferson Davis Parishes	\$195,179
Region VI Planning Coalition/Consortium	Alexandria	Winn, Grant, Rapides, Vernon, La Salle, Concordia, Catahoula, and Avoyelles Parishes	\$205,399
Region VII HIV Consortium	Shreveport	Bossier, Caddo, Webster, Claiborne, Red River, Natchitoches, Beinville, Sabine, and Desoto Parishes	\$299,596
Region VIII HIV/AIDS Consortium	Monroe	Ouchita, Jackson, Caldwell, Franklin, Tensas, Lincoln, Union, West Carroll, East Carroll, Richland, Madison and Morehouse Parishes	\$223,107

Accomplishments

Clients Served (duplicated count), FY 1996:	3,750
Men:	72%
Women:	27%
Other, unknown or not reported:	1%

<13 years old:	3%
13-19 years old:	2%
20+ years old:	94%
Other, unknown or not reported:	1%

White:	43%
African American:	53%
Hispanic:	2%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%
Other, unknown or not reported:	1%

► **Improved Patient Access**

- Since its inception in 1996, the number of persons accessing medications through ADAP has increased from 60 enrolled clients to almost 2,000 enrollees as of May/June 1998, with an average monthly utilization of 1,450 clients.
- The insurance continuation program projected serving 115 clients by the end of FY 1997, an approximately 25% increase in the number served over the previous year.
- The Louisiana ADAP standardized the ADAP formulary across the state in 1997 and added four new medications, for a total of 11 drugs on the formulary. With the additional Title II funding available in 1998, ADAP also added the five nucleoside analogues and two non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors to its formulary.
- During 1997, in order to improve access to care for low-income and uninsured PLWH living in rural areas, all regional consortia undertook new initiatives and established new access points for the ADAP, through ten regional public hospitals.

► **Improved Patient Outcomes**

- During 1997 and 1998, Louisiana restructured the ADAP to use ten public hospitals as the certification and distribution points for ADAP in order to improve access by increasing overall awareness of the program among clinic staff and incorporating the ADAP application process into the primary care clinic visit.

► **Cost Savings**

- Since 1996, the ADAP has maximized funding for ADAP through participation in the Office of Drug Pricing's discount drug purchasing program, achieving significant cost savings.

► **Other Accomplishments**

- An advisory panel of six infectious disease and primary care physicians from various regions of the State reviews and screens each ADAP application for medical eligibility, and advises the grantee on which medications should be included on the ADAP formulary.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP): Louisiana

ADAPs provide medications to low-income PLWH with limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid. ADAP is just one of multiple sources of public and private funding for HIV treatment, the largest source being Medicaid.

Funding History

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Title II Funds	\$773,878	\$3,246,330	\$4,812,359	\$8,832,567
State Funds	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Other: Title I	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000
Total	\$3,773,878	\$3,371,330	\$4,812,359	\$11,957,567

Program

- ▶ Administrative Agency: Dept. of Health and Hosp.
- ▶ Formulary: 11 drugs, 4 protease inhibitors, 7 other antiretroviral drugs.
- ▶ Medical Eligibility
 - ▶ HIV Infected: Yes
 - ▶ CD4 Count: Yes
- ▶ Financial Eligibility
 - ▶ Asset Limit: Yes
 - ▶ Annual Income Cap: No
- ▶ Co-payment: No
- ▶ Enrollment cap: No
- ▶ Waiting list as of 10/98: No
- ▶ Waiting list for protease inhibitors as of 10/98: No

Clients Served

Clients enrolled, 10/98:	2,000
Number using ADAP each month:	1,450
Percent of clients on protease inhibitors:	45%
Percent of active clients below 200% FPL:	100%

Client Profile, FY 1996

Men:	83%
Women:	17%

<13 years old:	0%
13-19 years old:	0%
20+ years old:	100%

White:	67%
African American:	33%
Hispanic:	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%

Title III: Louisiana

Title III provides funding to public and private nonprofit entities for outpatient early intervention and primary care services. From FY 1991 to FY 1998, \$445.8 million was appropriated for Title III programs in the U.S.

Funding History

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Number of Programs Funded in State	1	2	3	
Total Title III funding in State	\$348,380	\$748,300	\$537,057	\$1,633,737

Clients Served in FY 1996 by Title III Grantees in State

(Based on programmatic information from 1 grantee(s) in State)

- ▶ Total number of people provided HIV pre-test counseling and testing services by State's Title III-funded programs: 470
- ▶ Total number of people provided primary health care services by State's Title III-funded programs: 85
- ▶ Number of new HIV-infected patients enrolled in State's Title III-funded early intervention programs in the past year: 22
- ▶ New clients (adults only) in State's Title III-funded early intervention programs presenting with CD4:
 - ▶ under 200: 23%
 - ▶ from 200 to 499: 64%
 - ▶ above 500: 14%

Accomplishments

Clients served (primary care only), 1996:	85
Men:	68%
Women:	32%
<13 years old:	5%
13-19 years old:	5%
20+ years old:	91%

White:	45%
African American:	55%
Hispanic:	0%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%
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Men who have sex with men (MSM):	48%
Injecting drug user (IDU):	6%
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs (MSM/IDU):	4%
Hemophilia/coagulation disorder:	0%
Heterosexual contact:	35%
Receipt of blood transfusion, blood components, or tissue:	0%
Other, unknown or not reported:	7%

► **Improved Patient Access**

- Between January and December 1997, the HIV Outpatient Program at Charity Hospital in New Orleans grew by approximately 1,000 clients. As part of the Title III program in New Orleans, the grantee provides HIV primary care and dental services at the Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic, using a mobile team of health and social service professionals.
- Historically, employed clients of the Charity Hospital had difficulty keeping medical appointments scheduled during the day. In response, an evening clinic was designed to specifically address this need.
- The Bayou Comprehensive Medical Center provides HIV/AIDS counseling and testing to all new and established obstetrics clients. From October 1997 through May 1998, 143 pregnant women received HIV counseling and were tested.
- The Bayou Comprehensive Medical Center offers all HIV-infected clients case management services. Over 90% of the active clients access this service. Preventive and restorative dental care is also available to HIV-infected clients.

► **Cost Savings**

- The Bayou Comprehensive Medical Center participates in the Share the Care Voucher Program established by Thriftway Drugs. Through this program, prescriptions for extended services' clients who are not insured and do not qualify for Medicaid can be filled for \$3.00.

Title III Grantees, FY 1998

Grantee Name	Location	Service Area	Type of Organization
Bayou Comprehensive Health Foundation	Lake Charles	Calcasieu, Cameron, Beauregard, Jeff Davis, and Allen Parishes	Community and Migrant (329/330) Health Center
Charity Hospital Medical Center	New Orleans	Over 37 counties	Hospital/University-based Medical Center

Planning Grants

1998 - HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region Two - Baton Rouge

Title IV: Louisiana

Title IV provides funding for the development and operation of family-centered systems of primary health care and social services for infants, children, youth, women, and mothers (including pregnant women) and also serves high-risk individuals affected by HIV due to their relationship to family members with HIV. From FY 1991 to FY 1998, \$241.5 million was appropriated for Title IV programs in the U.S.

Funding History

Fiscal Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Number of Funded Programs	2	2	3	
Total Title IV Funding	\$1,025,000	\$1,164,432	\$1,638,000	\$3,827,432

HIV-Infected and Affected Clients Served in 1996 by Title IV Grantees in State

Pregnant adolescents and women:	8%
Women with children:	44%
Adolescents/young adults:	6%
Children:	18%
Infants:	16%
Clients with AIDS/HIV Infection:	96%

Accomplishments

All clients served, 1996:	686
Men:	4%
Women:	96%
(Adolescents and adults only)	

<13 years old:	34%
13-19 years old:	6%
20+ years old:	60%

White:	9%
African American:	89%
Hispanic:	2%
Asian/Pacific Islander:	0%
Native American/Alaskan Native:	0%

Men who have sex with men (MSM):	1%
Injecting drug user (IDU):	5%
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs (MSM/IDU):	0%
Hemophilia/coagulation disorder:	0%
Heterosexual contact, non IDU:	46%
Receipt of blood transfusion, blood components, or tissue:	2%
Pediatric Exposure:	35%
Other, unknown or not reported:	11%

► **Improved Patient Access**

- From 1994 to 1996, the number of clients served by the Pediatric AIDS Program of the Children's Hospital in New Orleans increased by 94%. As of July 1, 1997, the total number of clients enrolled in clinical trials increased by 40% from the previous year, and the number of contacts for case management services increased by 33%.
- After 10 years, the Pediatric AIDS Program remains the primary provider of comprehensive services for women, children, and youth in Louisiana. In 1997, Baton Rouge, Monroe, and Shreveport were included in the service area.
- The ability to provide HIV counseling and testing increased significantly with the availability of OraSure, the oral HIV antibody test. Eighty clients received testing via OraSure in 1997. A significant percentage of these consumers would not have agreed to the testing if blood work had been required.
- To accommodate clients with minimal needs, who wish to access specific ancillary services, the grantee developed a new classification of "service only". This service classification allows clients to access services without being formally assigned a case manager. Each client is re-evaluated periodically to determine changes in needs, and as necessary, a formal case manager is assigned.

► **Improved Patient Outcomes**

- The number of clients accessing and remaining on new drug regimens has significantly increased. Within a five-month time span in 1997, 104 adults and children remained on a treatment regimen that included protease inhibitors.
- As of February 1997, 59% of enrolled clients had CD4 counts greater than 200 cells/mm³ and 69% had never experienced an opportunistic infection.
- In 1997, 83% of OB/GYN services providers responding to a survey reported that HIV counseling and voluntary testing were offered to 100% of their clients.
- Of those pregnant women who took ZDV to prevent perinatal HIV transmission, the transmission rate decreased to 6.6% in 1997.

- In collaboration with the HIV Outpatient Program of LSU Medical Center, the Pediatric AIDS Program developed systems to collect client-level medical data to determine the impact of psychosocial services on consumers' health status.

Title IV Grantees, FY 1998

Grantee Name	Location	Service Area	Type of Organization
Children's Hospital - New Orleans	New Orleans	Statewide	Hospital
Children's Hospital - New Orleans (Adolescent)	New Orleans	New Orleans metropolitan area	Hospital
Children's Hospital - New Orleans (WIN)	New Orleans	New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish	Hospital

AIDS Education and Training Centers: Louisiana

The AETCs are a network of 15 regional education centers (75 local performance sites covering all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands) funded by the CARE Act to train clinical health care providers, provide consultation and technical assistance and disseminate rapidly changing information for the effective management of HIV infection. Targeted providers are CARE Act-funded programs, federally funded community migrant health centers, and clinicians serving persons living with HIV infection. From FY 1991 to FY 1998, \$171 million was appropriated for AETC programs in the U.S.

- ▶ Delta Region AETC
- ▶ States Served: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi
- ▶ Primary Grantee: Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA
- ▶ Subcontractors in State: None

Funding History

Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Total AETC	\$255,998	\$352,385	\$352,385	\$960,768
Funding for State				

Training Highlights from FY 1997

- Two programs designed to inform HIV-infected individuals and the care providers were conducted in 1997. Empowerment 97, a one-day workshop co-sponsored with the FDA and an AIDS service organization, provided information to HIV-infected individuals and care providers on available treatment options and how to make informed decisions about HIV management. A town meeting, titled "Treatment in the Age of Protease Inhibitors: Successes, Failures, Options," was co-sponsored by the Delta AETC, Merck Pharmaceuticals, the Tulane-LSU Adult Clinical Trials Unit, and AIDS service providers. The program provided HIV-infected individuals and care providers an opportunity to learn about the latest research and how to promote adherence to therapy. Topics presented included: "Antiretroviral Drugs: What Are They and How do They Work;" "Building the Ideal HIV Treatment Regimen for your Client;" and "Future Answers for Patients: Clinical Trials."
- "Circle of Healing: Linking Our Experiences," a conference coordinated by the Mississippi performance site, was held in October 1997. The 3.5-day conference brought together agencies from five states (Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee) to share experiences and perspectives and provide new information. Program topics included: HIV/STD risk assessment; oral health; occupational transmission; women and HIV disease; and models for delivery of primary care.

- The Delta AETC Clearinghouse Library has developed a comprehensive collection of HIV/AIDS-related resources and a range of information services for faculty and health care providers in the region. The clearinghouse provides access to videotapes, publications and journals, curriculum manuals, slide sets, and directories. Topics covered by these resources include: HIV/AIDS epidemiology, perinatal transmission, drug dosage and administration, clinical trial results, women and HIV, nursing interventions, clinical manifestations/symptoms, sexually transmitted diseases and cultural competence.
- The Louisiana HIV/AIDS Service Provider Directory, with information on over 400 agencies, is available to providers as an on-line searchable database through the AETC's Clearinghouse Library.

HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program: Louisiana

The CARE Act HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program reimburses eligible dental schools and postdoctoral dental education programs for the reported, uncompensated costs of providing oral health care to PLWH. From FY 1996 (when the program was first funded by the CARE Act) to FY 1998, \$22.2 million in funding was provided for programs in the U.S.

Funding History

Year	1996	1997	1998	Total
Number of Programs Funded in State	1	1	1	
Total HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program Funding in State	\$106,200	\$110,217	\$125,165	\$341,582

Accomplishments

Est. clients served, 1996:	796
Men:	72%
Women:	28%
<13 years old:	9%
13-19 years old:	0%
20+ years old:	91%

HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program Grantees, FY 1998

Grantee Name	Location
Louisiana State University School of Dentistry	New Orleans